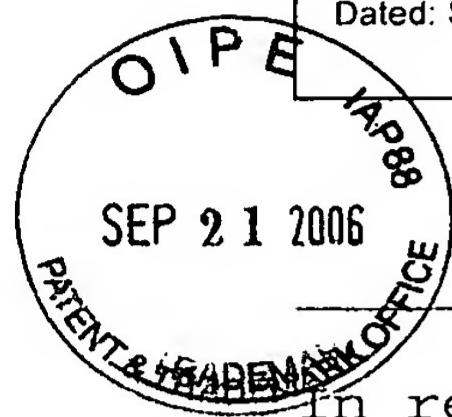


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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed March 16, 2006, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.